

# Iowa Department of Agriculture & Land Stewardship

## Introduction to the **Division of Soil Conservation**





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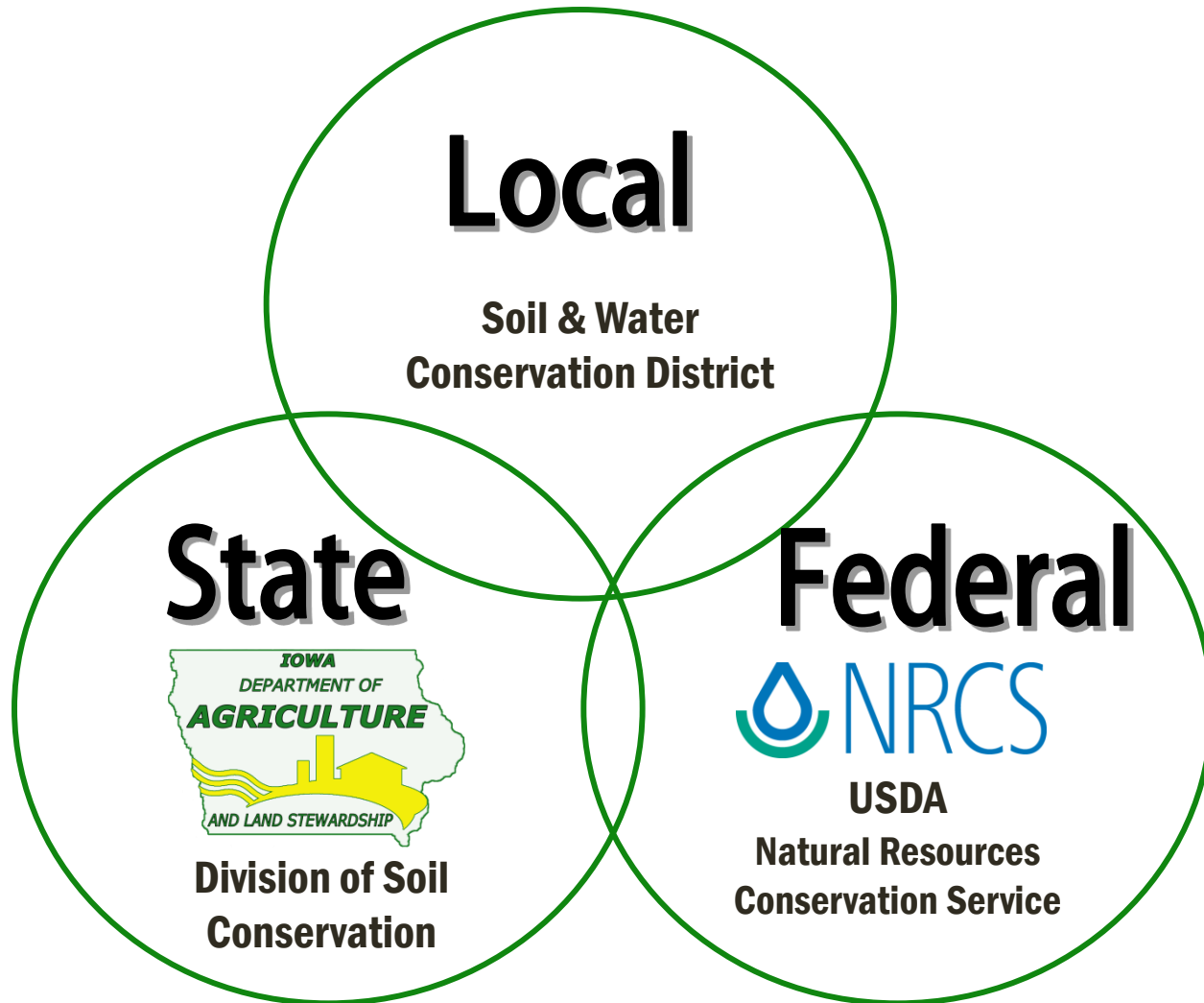


# DSC Mission

The Division of Soil Conservation is responsible for state leadership in the **protection and management of soil, water and mineral resources**, assisting soil and water conservation districts and private landowners to meet their agricultural and environmental protection needs.



# Core Conservation Partners





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	Federal Agency	State Agency	Local Agency
Local level	100 NRCS Field Offices	IDALS-DSC Field Staff	100 Soil & Water Conservation Districts
Regional level	5 NRCS Area Offices	IDALS – DSC State Office Field Rep WS Protection & Water Quality	CDI - Regions
State level	NRCS – State Office	IDALS-DSC State Office SSCC State Soil Conservation Committee	CDI - Board
National level	USDA -NRCS	National Association of State Conservation Agencies	NACD

# State Soil Conservation Committee (SSCC)

The Division of Soil Conservation is administered in accordance with policies established by the State Soil Conservation Committee (SSCC).

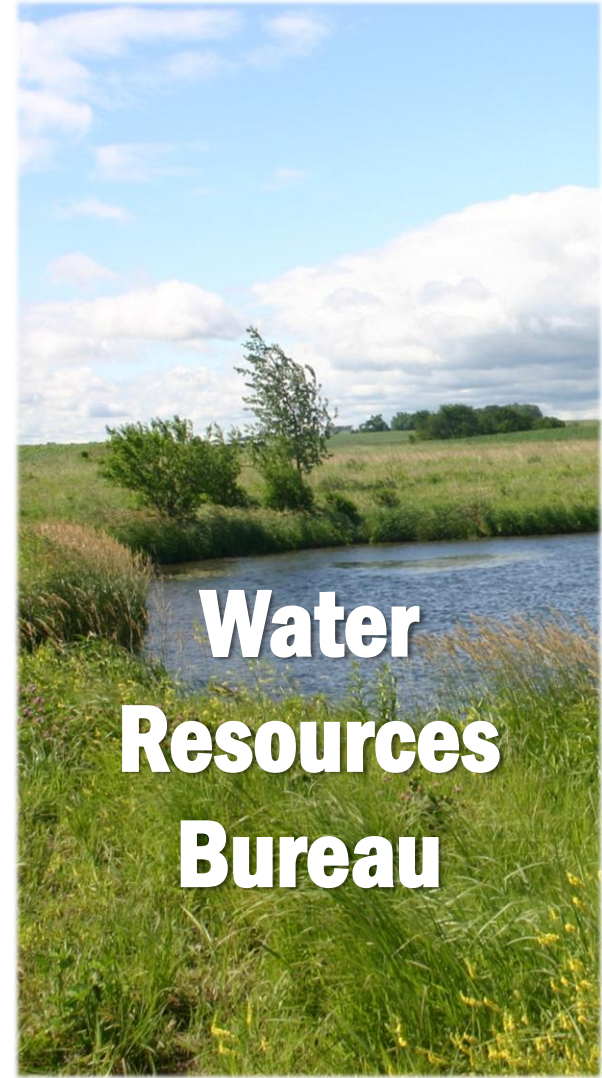
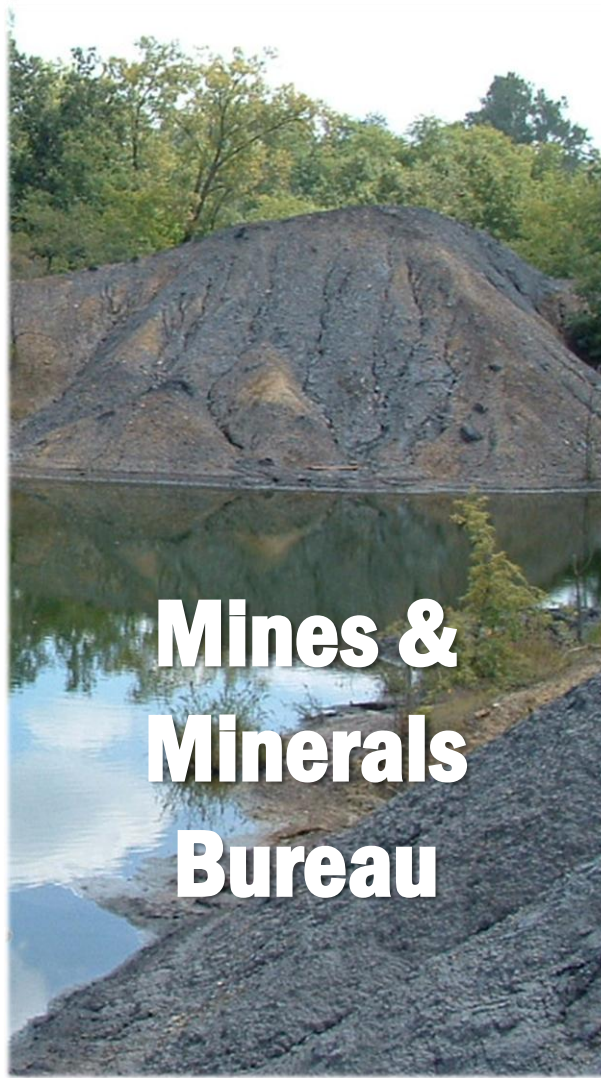
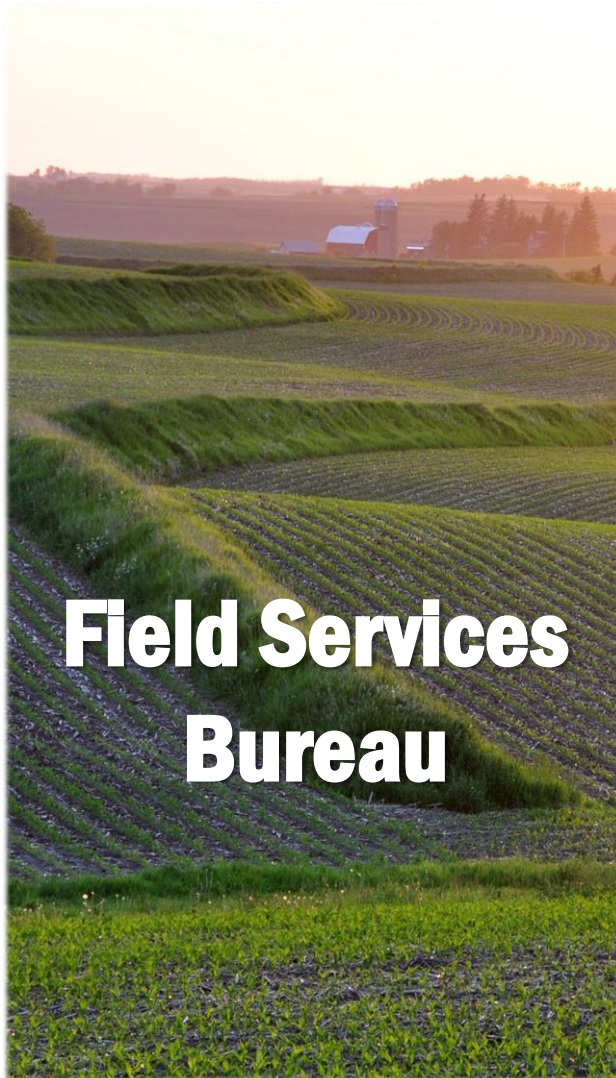
Primary authorities of the SSCC are to:

- **Establish policy** and **approve rules** for the administration of DSC programs
- **Recommend a budget for the DSC** annually, to the Secretary of Agriculture
- **Provide leadership** on soil and water conservation and related issues **through research, information and education**, seeking assistance from agencies and education institutions of the state
- **Appoint commissioners** to fill vacancies in SWCDs
- **Provide a forum for discussion** of soil and water conservation issues and the development of policy and program initiatives

# Timeline of Soil Conservation in Iowa

- 1928** USDA Circular 33, "Soil Erosion: A National Menace" was published
- 1936** *Soil Erosion In Iowa* was published by the Iowa Agricultural Experiment Station documenting soil erosion problems
- 1937** President Roosevelt sent a letter to all state governors encouraging them to pass state laws establishing the soil conservation district program
- 1940** Soil conservation districts formed in Iowa
- 1971** Iowa became the first state to establish a soil loss limit law
- 1973** Iowa became the first state to appropriate state cost-share funds for soil conservation
- 1983** The Division is granted primacy for the Abandoned Mine Lands Program by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior
- 1989** Resource Enhancement & Protection (REAP) established, creating the Water Protection Fund  
Watershed Protection Fund (WSPF) is established, expanding focus on watersheds
- 1999** Urban Conservation Program is established
- 2007**

# DSC Structure







# Field Services Bureau



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## Field Services Programs

Cooperative Soil Surveys

State Cost Share

Field Office Staff

District Initiatives

Urban Conservation Program

State Revolving Fund

No-Interest Loans

REAP Water Quality Protection Practices

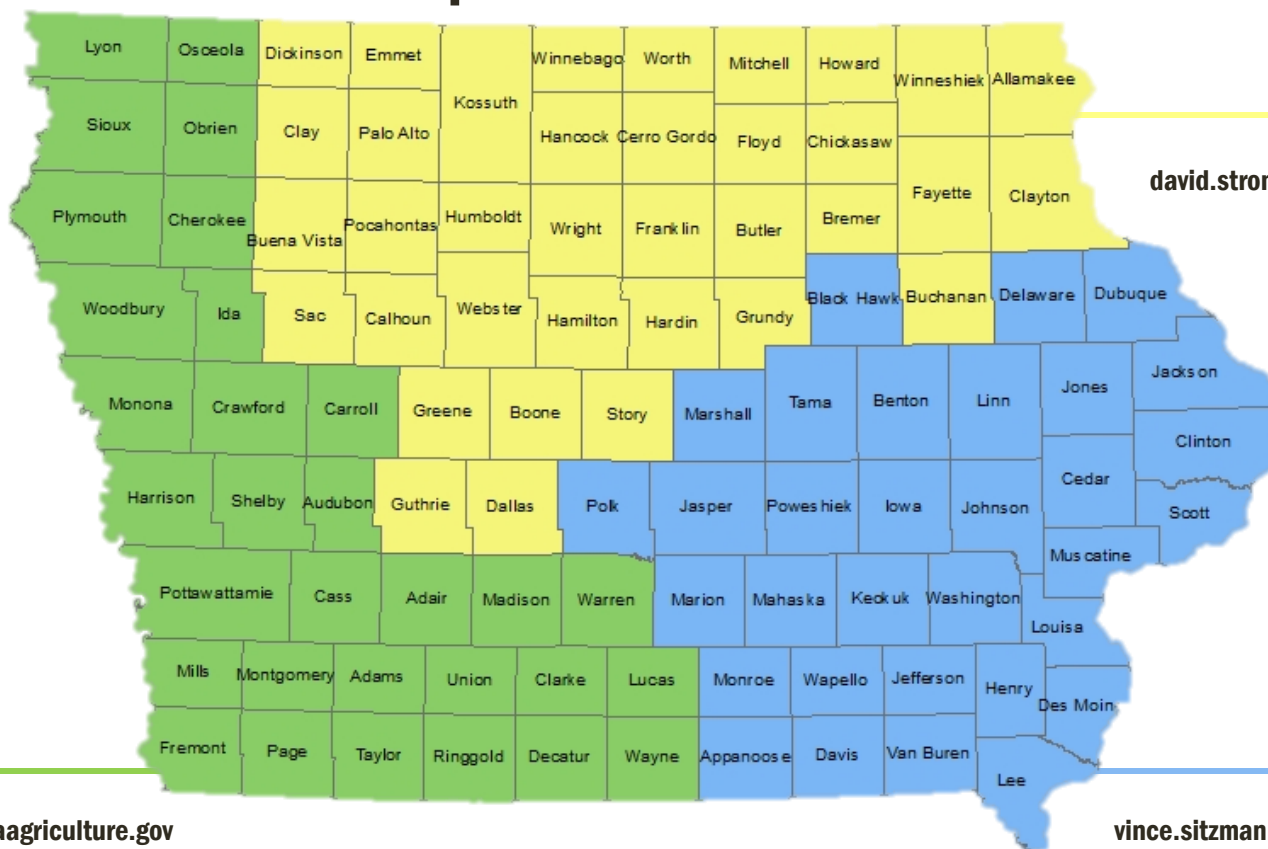
REAP Water Quality Protection Projects

Stormwater Best Management Practices Loans



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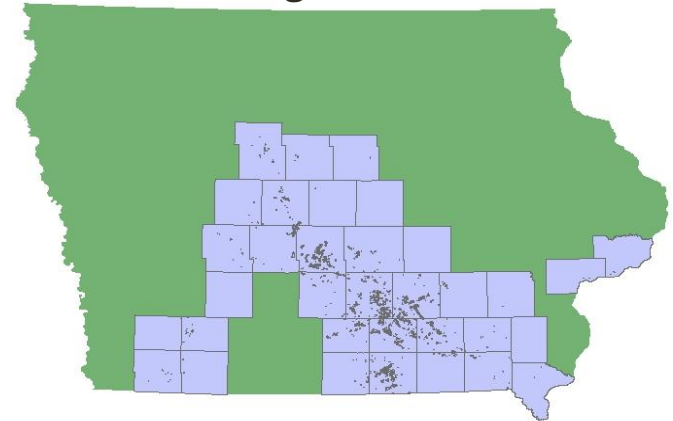
## Mines & Minerals Programs

Abandoned Mine Land (AML) Program

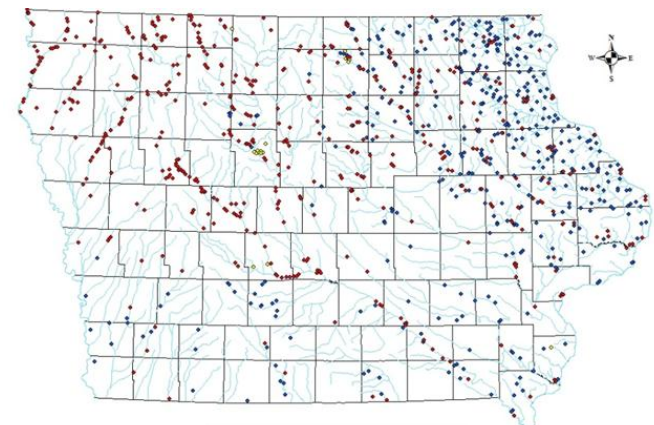
Coal Regulatory Program

Minerals Program

## AML Program Extents



## Mineral Mines in Iowa



- 42% Limestone Operations
- 56% Sand and Gravel Operations
- 2% Clay or Gypsum Operations



A strip mining operation near Oskaloosa, Iowa. Compare the size of the dragline with the trucks and people in the background.



# Water Resources Bureau



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## Water Resources Programs

Agricultural Drainage Well Closure Assistance Program

Agricultural Drainage Well Research and Demonstration Project

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)

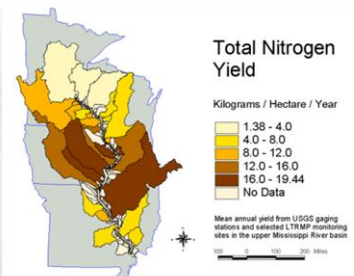
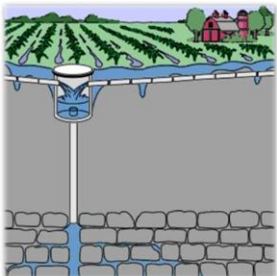
Integrated Farm and Livestock Management Demonstration Program (IFLM)

Watershed Protection Program

Watershed Improvement Review Board (IWIRB)

Watershed Improvement Fund

Upper Mississippi River Sub-basin Hypoxia Nutrient Committee



# Employee Resources

## IA Department of Administrative Services (DAS)

**<http://das.iowa.gov/>**

Includes information on:

Employee benefits, Employee Assistance Program, Discount Programs, Leave Programs, Training and Development Opportunities, & State job listing

## IPERS – Iowa Public Employee Retirement System

**<http://www.ipers.org/>**

## Online Payroll access (with password)

**[www.egov.state.ia.us/warrants/warrantProcessorServlet](http://www.egov.state.ia.us/warrants/warrantProcessorServlet)**

## SEHARC – State Employees Health and Recreation Committee

**<http://seharc.org/>**



# Online Resources

IDALS-DSC

[www.iowaagriculture.gov/soilConservation.asp](http://www.iowaagriculture.gov/soilConservation.asp)

IDALS

[www.iowaagriculture.gov](http://www.iowaagriculture.gov)

P&P Manual

[www.iowaagdata.com](http://www.iowaagdata.com)

FARMS

<http://idals.iowa.gov/FARMS>

Iowa Legislature

<http://staffweb.legis.state.ia.us/lfb>

State of Iowa

[www.iowa.gov/Government](http://www.iowa.gov/Government)

Iowa DNR

[www.iowadnr.gov](http://www.iowadnr.gov)

Iowa NRCS

[www.ia.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.ia.nrcs.usda.gov)

AgLearn

[www.aglearn.usda.gov](http://www.aglearn.usda.gov)

Conservation Districts of Iowa

[www.cdiowa.org](http://www.cdiowa.org)

National Assn of Conservation Districts

<http://nacdn.net>

Parking at Wallace Building

[www.iowa.govgovernment/crc/docs/capitol\\_parking.pdf](http://www.iowa.govgovernment/crc/docs/capitol_parking.pdf)